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## GENERAL CONSPIRACY WILL BE PROVEN AMONG NIGHT RIDERS OF KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE AT BENNETT MURDER TRIAL

Witness From This State Summoned to Clarksville.

Wiley Stewart, Sanford Hall, John Stephens and Others.

Regalia, Pass Words and Signs Are All Identical.

Also With Those Found With Body of Young Bennett.

Ambushed by Hill Billies While Engaged in Raid.

Of greatest significance is the proposed effort to prove that a general conspiracy exists in western Kentucky and Tennessee, which will be inaugurated in the case of Vaughan Bennett, who was killed on the roadside in Montgomery county, Tennessee, while he was with a band of night riders organized under that conspiracy. Wiley Stewart, of Calloway county; Ois Bick, of Marshall county; and Sanford Hall, who is now in Louisville, will be summoned to appear at the trial of Walter Hunt, who is charged with shooting Bennett. Trial of the case will begin at Clarksville Monday and the witnesses have been summoned by the defense, which will seek to establish a general conspiracy and that Bennett was a night rider on a raid when killed.

According to evidence the defense has in the case, the night riders of Tennessee and those in the Kentucky counties had the same signs, signals and passwords, and the insignia and paraphernalia worn were identical; the same and corresponding to that which was found on and near the body of Bennett.

Hunt has been denied a change of venue, though 187 witnesses swore that he could not secure a fair and impartial trial. He is a Calloway county boy and stayed in Paducah several weeks this spring before surrendering to the Tennessee officers after the indictment had been brought against him.

### Graders Busy.

Messrs. Warfield, Bell and Glover, official graders for the tobacco growers' association, have been busy at the association salesroom here for three days regarding the types of tobacco that are now held by the association for sale. All the hogheads in the various warehouses have been resampled and new grades will be made of the tobacco. Prices are reduced on damaged tobacco. The same work is in progress at all the towns in the district where markets are maintained. Auditor John D. Seales, of Guthrie, who was here yesterday, left this morning for Guthrie.

### DR. BOLLING SAYS BRYAN WILL CARRY TENNESSEE.

The Rev. W. T. Bolling, of Paris, Tenn., for one year pastor of the Broadway Methodist church, was in Paducah this afternoon on business. Dr. Bolling left at 6 o'clock on the return for Paris. While in the city Dr. Bolling expressed the opinion that the Democrats will carry Tennessee by a large majority.

### Democratic Plans

Chicago, Sept. 4.—Democratic chiefs fixed September 15 as the opening of the speaking canvass in Illinois. A vigorous campaign for Stevenson is planned. Material against Deussen will be taken from speeches of Yates and report of the legislative committee that investigated the charitable institutions.

### Republican Speakers

Chicago, Sept. 4.—The Republican speakers' bureau has announced the names of leading speakers in the campaign in the middle and south-west to include Candidate Sherman, Secretaries Root, Strauss, Wilson and Garfield, Senators Doolittle, Foraker, La Follette, Borah, Nelson, Smith, Burrows, Bradley, Barlett, Brown and Cannon and Governor Hoch.

### Chicago Market.

| Sept. | High.     | Low.      | Close.    |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Wheat | 98 1/2    | 97 3/4    | 98 1/4    |
| Corn  | 79 1/2    | 79        | 79 1/4    |
| Oats  | 50 1/2    | 49 3/4    | 49 1/2    |
| Prov. | 14.77 1/2 | 14.52 1/2 | 14.67 1/2 |
| Lard  | 9.67 1/2  | 9.62 1/2  | 9.65      |
| Ribs  | 9.20      | 9.02 1/2  | 9.10      |

### BUSY CHERRY TREES.

Three cherry trees in the yard of Loral Mercer, of Woodward street, are more industrious than the faithful tree that George Washington hacked. The trees have had two bearings of cherries, and now the trees are budding with blossoms for the third time this year. The blossoms are perfect, but it is thought that the frost will kill the young cherries before the third round has a chance to ripen.

## POPULISTS WILL HOLD CONVENTION HERE TOMORROW

A political meeting that may be of importance and significance will be held at the city hall tomorrow when the populists of the First congressional district will meet to nominate a candidate for congress. Chairman Wm. Graham, of the district committee, stated this morning that there would be a good attendance at the meeting and that a real fight will be begun in the district.

Mr. Graham himself is spoken of as the probable nominee as well as A. H. Cardin, of Crittenden county, formerly the nominee of that party for governor. Both Graham and Cardin are regular Middle-of-the-Road Populists, having refused to go into the Democratic-Populist fusion in 1896, and have maintained the organization ever since.

It is now hoped to reorganize and make the party organization stronger because of the fact that large numbers of the old time Populists want to return to that party, which had become a formidable factor in the district politics and came near electing Ben C. Keys, their candidate for congress, in 1896, although the party supported Bryan for president. That the present move has caused Democratic leaders anxiety is apparent and the meeting tomorrow will be watched with much interest.

### Child is Kidnaped

Chicago, Sept. 4.—William Anderson's son, Golden, aged three years, was kidnaped on the street this morning by a man in a peddler's wagon. The father is fairly well to do. The child was playing in front of his home and was abducted in sight of a number of neighbors.

### Accuses Predecessor

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 4.—Daniel Donohue, summoned to the inquest of his wife, who was murdered in June and exhumed Sunday, blew out his brains last night and left a note, accusing Joseph Berry, the alleged former husband, of committing or instigating the murder.

## SAILORS DROWN WHILE FAMILIES VIEW STRUGGLES

Badajoz, Portugal, Sept. 4.—The Portuguese steamer Luiza is stranded on the rocks of Figueira De Foz. A crew of 50 was drowned in sight of their families on the shore.

### BIRD'S POINT CAVING IN.

Citizens Keep Houses on Rollers So They Can Move Back.

Hickman, Ky., Sept. 4.—The cutting of the river bank at Bird's Point, Mo., still continues. The railroad company is ready to transfer all freight between Missouri and Illinois from Belmont, 20 miles above Hickman, to Cairo, putting in a transfer boat between these two points, which will make two round trips daily. They expect the incline at Bird's Point to be put out of business any minute. When this happens, the passengers, mail, baggage and express matter will be handled by an emergency incline, which is now being built at Bird's Point below the present incline. Already the bank has caved back about 200 feet, and the whole town is on rollers, being moved back to be kept from going in the Mississippi. Boats go by now where houses stood only a few months ago.

"Any ordinance which will tend to breed complications, litigation and trouble, in divers and sundry ways, without in any way or manner benefitting the community, is one that should be rejected"—FROM MAYOR SMITH'S MESSAGE VETOING SALOON LICENSE TRANSFER ORDINANCE.

## Mayor Smith Vetoes Ordinance to Permit Saloon License Transfers With Consent of General Council

Sets Forth Many Reasons of Public Policy Why Such Liberty Would Result in Trouble and Encourage Wrong.

Mayor Smith has vetoed the ordinance, permitting retail liquor dealers to transfer their licenses, with consent of the general council. His reasons are set forth in the communication, which follows and is published in full:

I beg to herewith return to you, for your further and final consideration, "An ordinance providing for the transfer and assignment of license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors by retail in a saloon or coffee house in the city of Paducah, Kentucky."

In view of the following reasons I feel I am not only justified in disapproving the above entitled ordinance, but that it is my duty so to do; consequently, the same is most respectfully vetoed.

The present license ordinance provides and stipulates that licenses issued by the city of Paducah are not transferable or assignable. So far as I have been able to learn, no complaint has ever been made to these terms until the saloon license was raised to \$500. I take it from this, that the General Council considered in view of this seemingly high license fee paid for retail liquor license, that exceptions should be made in favor of the retail liquor dealer, and that licenses holding licenses of this character, be permitted to transfer or assign them. I do not consider this fee exorbitant, or burdensome. The fact that liquor licenses have been issued heretofore for a ridiculously low sum, perhaps lead some to the belief that the \$500 fee is high. Compared with num-

bers of other cities, it is quite to the contrary, a low license.

A well recognized and admitted fact, that privileges or licenses in Paducah have been issued at figures far below a fair amount, so far as the city's interests are concerned, which accounts in part for the deplorable condition of her finances. Many of you have wisely signified your intention to revise the license ordinance in December, and to raise the license fees to that amount which represents their real worth. In this move you shall have my most hearty co-operation. If the retail liquor dealer be granted permission to transfer or assign his license, chiefly because of the cost of same, it occurs to me as a certainty, that you set a precedent which will not only invite but open the way for an avalanche of similar requests from other licensees, who may claim to be burdened by what may seem to them a high license fee, and who, if denied their request, will justly charge against you discrimination; while, on the other hand, you treat all alike, which they have a right to demand, and grant their petition, the city's strong box will be materially affected, while much of the valuable time of ourselves and the department heads will be unnecessarily taxed, and consumed, and but few of the citizens pleased if this ordinance becomes operative; furthermore, the earmarks of class legislation are easily discernable, and I doubt not, costly litigation will follow its passage.

The retail liquor interests fully understand that it is the determination of the executive branch of the city government to rigidly enforce the laws relating to closing, and I am pleased thus far over the result of our efforts to secure for the citizens, enforcement and respect for the law. If, however, this ordinance be passed

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## FIREBUGS WOULD HAVE TO RUN GAUNTLET OF SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS AT MURRAY

Plans All Laid For Fighting Fires or the Night Riders or Both.

Murray, Ky., Sept. 4. (Special.)—If another incendiary fire occurs in Murray it will not be because the civil officers, military and citizens are not vigilant and have not taken every precaution not only to put out the fire, but to detect and arrest any man who should attempt to fire a building. That the firebug would get prompt and summary justice from a justly aroused public is a strong probability.

While there are many people in Murray, who believe that the recent fires were of accidental origin, yet, to be on the safe side, arrangements have been made that should an attempt be made by night riders or any one to burn Murray, the perpetrator would run a gauntlet of soldiers, officers and citizens, extending from the Tennessee river to the town, and along every street in the town of Murray, so thoroughly has the system of defense been arranged. A thorough understanding exists between Capt. Carl Henderson, commanding the troops stationed here, and Mayor Hughes and the civil authorities. It has been arranged that while citizens and soldiers alike shall fight fires when they occur, the soldiers, civil officers and a few citizens, who know just what to do, are to guard the city and patrol the roads in the county, the latter work to be done exclusively by the soldiers.

On request of Captain Henderson all citizens have been asked to stay indoors should a night rider attack occur, so that the soldiers would not be in danger of shooting anyone but the invaders.

Mayor Hughes has issued a proclamation by the authority of the city council, that anyone on the streets after 11 o'clock at night will be arrested, by those on guard, unless the person

after that hour can give a satisfactory account of himself.

Although the public pulse has been quickened to a great extent by the recent fires, increased by the conditions in the county, the work of the officers has restored confidence and a better feeling prevails. However, few men can be found, having interests in Murray, that are not now glad the militiamen are here. The council, aid and advice that Captain Henderson has rendered during the last few weeks is generally appreciated as is shown by the many expressions of approval of his course heard upon the streets of the town. He is voted the most useful and popular man in the village.

### Clever Sneaks

Chicago, Sept. 4.—Two thousand in cash and jewelry were stolen this morning from the residence of Mrs. William Schaefer. Two thieves, wearing silk hats and canes rented the room, claiming to be theatrical men.

### WEATHER.



### CLOUDY

Partly cloudy and probably showers tonight; warmer tonight. Highest temperature yesterday, 83; lowest today, 64.

## LOCATE COLLEGE AT GRAND RIVERS IS PRESENT PLAN

Meeting Will be Held There Tomorrow to Urge Citizens to Such Course.

Tom Lawson's Dream City is Already Awake.

THE ENTERPRISE IS AMBITIOUS

Grand Rivers, Ky., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The dream of Thomas W. Lawson that Grand Rivers would be an industrial center may yet be realized, if the plans of public-spirited citizens of this and other western Kentucky towns are realized. Already the effects of the latest boom started are being felt and property is advancing. The Farmers' Union has purchased the brick business block, built by Lawson, for a warehouse.

A mass meeting will be held here tomorrow for the purpose of raising funds toward giving the place an industrial school, in which will be taught science of agriculture, medicine and kindred branches.

Articles of incorporation for such an institution have been drawn and will be filed tomorrow by J. I. D. Woodruff, of Murray, the prime mover in the enterprise. Mr. Woodruff will be here tomorrow and address the meeting that has been called, and prospects are it will be largely attended.

There will be many speakers and it is expected a good sum will be subscribed for the school. It is the intention of the promoters to ask the next legislature for an appropriation equal to that given the state normal colleges at Lexington and Bowling Green.

### Pioneer Merchant Dies.

Chicago, Sept. 4.—Emanuel Mandel, a pioneer merchant, traveling in Switzerland with his family, died there last night of apoplexy. He was born in Germany 64 years ago.

### COUNTY OFFICER WILL BE BUSY WITH TRUANTS.

With the beginning of the public schools, September 14, County Officer Jack Nelson's real work will begin and he has already been busy securing information as to what children have not been attending schools here before. He will see to it that they are enrolled and attend this year. No exceptions will be made and warning has been given parents who have children of school age that they must be allowed to attend or prosecutions will follow under the state law. It is estimated that several hundred new pupils will be enrolled.

## INDIANA REFORM LAWS UP BEFORE SPECIAL SESSION

Indianapolis, Sept. 4.—Governor Hanly called a special session of the legislature for September 17, to act on insurance, county local option and other reforms.

### No Change of Venue

Owensboro, Ky., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Judge Birckhead refused a change of venue to T. S. Anderson, former president of the Daviess County Bank and Trust company.

## WRIGHT BROS. IN FLIGHTS IN THIS LAND AND FRANCE

Le Mans, France, Sept. 4.—Wilbur Wright, went six miles in his aeroplane this morning, being in the air at one time ten minutes and forty seconds. Then there came mishaps, and what might have been a record-breaking flight was spoiled. Wright reached a height of from 20 to 30 yards. In the course of his flight he described the figure eight in ellipses of ten feet by four. Altogether he traveled a distance of six miles. He descended because he imagined he heard something wrong with the motor. He intended to make another prolonged flight, but broke something on starting from the derrick and descended after going 400 yards.

## WEATHERFORD AND JASPER GARLAND ARE HELD OVER TO CALLOWAY GRAND JURY

Charge of Subornation of Perjury Made Against Two Men by Will Ingram, Confessed Night Rider.

JUDGE WELLS BELIEVES ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO REMOVE HIM FROM COUNTY BENCH BY ENEMIES.

Ingram Repeats His Story of Visit of Two Accused to His Place.

(By Perry McLean.)

Murray, Ky., Sept. 4.—To unseat Judge Wells as county judge and impugn the testimony of Clarence Dyer, an important witness in the night rider prosecutions in Calloway county, was the purpose of forcing a recanting affidavit from Will Ingram, according to his testimony in the examining trials of Allen Weatherford and Jasper Garland yesterday evening on the charge of subornation of perjury. Both were held to the grand jury under \$500 bond.

Ingram said that he was told: "When we get rid of Judge Wells, (calling him a vile name) and the testimony of Clarence Dyer, all the night riders will be turned loose."

The boy declared that he did as he was directed by Weatherford and Garland and went to Dr. Kirk's house on Friday night and stayed with him that night coming to Murray Saturday morning and making the affidavit.

## JORDAN TELLS OF MURDER OF WIFE —MAY BE INSANE

Boston, Sept. 4.—The confession of Chester S. Jordan, the murder of whose wife is published on page 6, contains horrible details. They quarreled as the result of her jealousy and he struck her with his fist, knocking her downstairs. He went to bed and awoke next morning, finding his wife naked and dying on the kitchen floor, a butcher knife and razor beside her and her head almost severed.

He says her dismembered body was placed in tubs. He then went out to attend to business matters and returned and completed the dismemberment, burning her head and entrails in a furnace. He went to sleep after packing her in a trunk and next morning ordered the expressman to haul it away. The police are seeking other motives than that given by Jordan. Jordan's brother-in-law, J. L. Livermore, a New York cotton broker, has secured counsel and it is understood insanity will be his plea.

### Rueff Bribery

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—New sensations are expected in the Rueff case, following a warrant charging E. A. S. Blake, contractor, with offering a bribe of \$1,000 to vote to release Rueff. The prosecution declares Rueff's attorneys hired Blake.

## COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS IN FIRST SESSION

The county board of education, composed of the chairman of each of the six educational divisions of the county, will meet with Superintendent Billington at the county court house tomorrow for the purpose of organizing and getting ready for work. The question of selecting a site for a county high school will not come before the meeting tomorrow, but will be taken up later. The board may, if it desires, make arrangements with the city high school to allow the county graduates to take this high school course at county expense.

The board is composed of the following gentlemen: P. A. Bagwell, division No. 1; P. S. Straub, division No. 2; F. P. Ghoson, division No. 3; W. R. Davis, division No. 4; H. Anderson, division No. 5; and W. F. Sexton, division No. 6. Superintendent Billington is chairman ex-officio of the county board, which will have entire control of the county schools.

day morning and making the affidavit. Ingram declared that the night riders had done everything they had said they would do and that the eastern portion of Calloway county was so thick with them that it was dangerous for anyone to live there not in sympathy with them. He was unshaken on cross examination and stoutly declared that he was forced to make the false affidavits under fear of death; that he was brought to town by Peter Kirk and kept with him until the affidavit was made; that Kirk took the affidavit and so far as the witness knows Kirk still has the affidavit in his possession.

Randolph's Testimony. Attorney T. W. Randolph who wrote the affidavit, said that Kirk came in with the boy and they went into his private office. Kirk started in to dictate the affidavit and the attorney suggested it would be better for the boy to make the statement, and in the presence of witnesses, which he did in the waiting room of his office, where others were present. Garland and Weatherford denied emphatically telling Ingram he would be killed unless he made an affidavit that Judge Wells and Dyer forced him to swear that Garland and others burned the Hendrick barn. Garland swore he was cutting tobacco and Weatherford said he was sick the day Ingram accuses them of approaching him. Weatherford is not indicted for night riding.

Defense. Garland's father took the stand as an alibi witness, but said he thought he and his son were at work on a house that day. In his decision Judge Wells before whom the case was tried, declared it was a case for the grand jury to investigate and held the defendants to answer.

The court declared that he was driven to the conclusion that Ingram told the truth about the burning of the barn, because on four occasions he had described the burning minutely and without deviating as to the vital points. He believed Ingram fell into the hands of night riders and was forced to make a retracting statement.

Ingram is about 18 years old and does not appear very intelligent though he told a straightforward story on the witness stand. He is in jail in lieu of \$500 bond for perjury. His case will be investigated by the same grand jury that investigates those whom he accuses of forcing him under threats of death to make a false affidavit.

Dr. Kirk Appears. Murray, Ky., Sept. 4. (Special.)—Dr. Peter Kirk, charged with subornation of perjury, appeared before Judge Wells today and executed bond for his appearance. Date for the examining trial has not been set.

### Frank Sargent Dead

Washington, Sept. 4.—Frank P. Sargent, commissioner general of immigration and former chief of the locomotive firemen, died this morning as the result of a paralytic stroke and a fall two months ago.

Harrison Grey Otis III. Baltimore, Sept. 4.—Gen. Harrison Grey Otis, the Los Angeles publisher, arrived at John Hopkins hospital to have an operation performed in a day or two.

### Railroads Score

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 4.—A temporary injunction was granted by Judge Vandewater, of the United States circuit court, restraining the operation of the 2-cent passenger law in Arkansas. The court holds that rates are confiscatory, as well as the freight rates ordered by the Arkansas railroad commission.

Des Moines, Sept. 4.—Standpattors today bolted the Republican caucus and decided to fight Cummings for governor at next Wednesday's session of the legislature and threaten to vote for other Republicans, creating a deadlock.